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**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*

**John Hoeven**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK**  
MAY 10-16, 2009

**WHEREAS**, hundreds of Americans die each year of food-induced anaphylaxis, caused by unknowingly eating a food containing an ingredient to which they are allergic; and

**WHEREAS**, anaphylaxis is a sudden, severe allergic reaction that affects the body's major organs simultaneously and can cause death within minutes; and

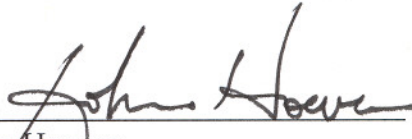
**WHEREAS**, researchers estimate that approximately 12 million Americans have food allergies, with children making up the largest group; and

**WHEREAS**, shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy and wheat cause 90 percent of all food allergy reactions; and

**WHEREAS**, eating at restaurants and schools are the situations posing the highest risk for people with food allergies, with staff unaware of ingredients used in the food they serve and unprepared to handle allergic reactions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Network, along with organizations across the state, are working to educate citizens about food allergies and anaphylaxis, and what can be done to prevent a life-threatening allergic reaction.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 10-16, 2009, **FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

  
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John Hoeven  
Governor

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